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Dear SCSU Foundation Stakeholders:



Mr. Anthony L. Holloman

As a new addition to the South Carolina State University family, I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to our alumni and friends for helping me to make my transition to SC State University a smooth one. Thanks also for your tremendous support of our institution, despite these turbulent economic times. The most significant aspect of our mission is to prepare SC State University students to meet the demands of a dynamic, global society. Your contributions will enable us to ensure that this mission is accomplished.

During my tenure here at SC State University, it is my goal to establish and maintain synergy among the University and our stakeholders, alumni and the community. This combined effort among all parties is especially important when state appropriations are being cut by a substantial amount. Although we will continue to engage state and federal legislators, it is ultimately our responsibility as alumni and supporters of SC State University to continue educating students. It is our responsibility to continue our part in creating engineers, educators, nurses, politicians and others who will create milestones not only for SC State University, but for our nation.

Therefore, I ask that you continue your unselfish giving in order to sustain the quality of our educational programs. I ask that you provide unrestricted funds to support the SCSU Foundation as it provides programmatic support to the University.

I would like to thank those who have supported our endeavors thus far. The 2010 Scholarship Gala and Tribute, for example, was a tremendous success. Due to your assistance, we were able to raise more than \$190,000 and to provide needed scholarships to high achieving students through the SCSU Foundation. In addition to the Scholarship Gala, contributions this quarter from corporations such as Shaw/AREVA MOX Services, Progress Energy and Construction Dynamics, prove that these companies believe in the mission of our University, and truly understand the significance that their dollars will make to the overall success of this institution.

I hope that you will continue as strong supporters and patrons of SC State University. Let's show that we are an important part to the viability of the state of South Carolina. In the coming months, you will be inundated with mail and electronic correspondence about the great things happening at our University. We want you to understand that your dollars are supporting scholarships, a better quality of campus life, the enhancement of University programs, safety and security as we strive to develop SC State University into a flagship institution.

To arrange for your donation, please visit the SC State University website at [www.scsu.edu](http://www.scsu.edu), or call (803) 536-7190.

Sincerely,

*Anthony L. Holloman*

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David Stinson (*center right*), president of Shaw/AREVA MOX Services, LLC, and former MOX Scholars (currently employed with Shaw/AREVA MOX Services, LLC) present check to President George E. Cooper (*center left*) for the Summer Nuclear Science Institute.

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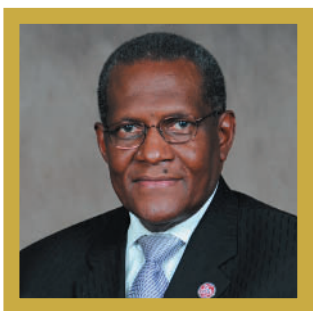
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Dr. George E. Cooper

## President's Message

Over the last several months, you have been apprised of the financial conditions affecting our institution, state and nation. I want to take this opportunity to convey to you that in spite of the economic challenges, SC State University continues to provide high quality educational services and programs to its students and constituents. We are working diligently to manage these trying times without compromising the University's commitment to educating students. We have been experiencing major declines in resources which led us to implementing budget reduction strategies across the campus. I want to personally thank you for your spirit of cooperation during this time.

Our University has made great strides over the last several months as evidenced in this publication. We received a recent gift of \$100,000 from Shaw/AREVA MOX Services to support the Summer Nuclear Science Institute. This institute is designed to expose high school students and guidance counselors to nuclear science and engineering. We also received a \$25,000 gift from Progress Energy to support nuclear engineering majors. In addition, Construction Dynamics, Inc. provided a gift of \$25,000 to support need based student scholarships.

Construction projects across the campus are progressing quite well. Hodge Hall Annex is about 90 percent completed with handover expected in April 2010. New space will be provided for faculty and administrative offices, classrooms and laboratories for chemistry and biology. The first phase of the James E. Clyburn University Research and Conference Center is in the final stage of review. When completed, it will provide continuing support for our Transportation Research Center and opportunities for students interested in our Master of Science degree program in transportation. We anticipate that a final contract would be in place early April.

We are also very proud of our men's and women's basketball teams for winning the semi-finals during the MEAC Basketball Tournament in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, with both teams earning a spot in the MEAC Championship game.

While we are all impacted by the downturn in the economy, alumni and stakeholders of SC State University have continued to provide increased support to the University. Overall giving from alumni, corporations and stakeholders is up an average of 72 percent. Alumni giving is up 110 percent and corporations, foundations and small businesses contributions are up 139 percent over this time last year.

Although currently accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, the University is working hard to prepare for reaffirmation of accreditation. The SACS on-site team visited our campus on March 29-31. The University will be notified of SACS actions in December 2010 as it relates to reaffirmation of accreditation approved of our Quality Enhancement Plan and request for substantive change.

We are in the business of preparing our students for the complex global challenges that will continue to emerge. We take considerable pride in our University's purpose and mission. As we look toward the future, we will continue to make decisions that will positively impact the University and the students who choose SC State University. I would like to thank alumni, friends, students, faculty, staff and stakeholders for your continued commitment and support of our institution.

Sincerely,

Dr. George E. Cooper  
President, SC State University

## Shaw/AREVA MOX Services, LLC Donates \$100,000 to SC State University's Summer Nuclear Science Institute

by Ashley Elliott



MOX Scholars with Congressman James E. Clyburn

Shaw/AREVA MOX Services, LLC (MOX Services) in Aiken, S.C. recently presented a \$100,000 check to SC State University's Nuclear Engineering Program (NEP). The gift will support the Summer Nuclear Science Institute, designed to expose high school students and guidance counselors to nuclear science and engineering.

MOX Services is a consortium operated by The Shaw Group and AREVA under a contract with the Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) as part of their non-proliferation program to design, construct and operate a facility to convert surplus weapons-grade plutonium into nuclear fuel.

The Summer Nuclear Science Institute, which is hosted annually on the campus of SC State University, has attracted more than 60 applicants each summer since its inception in June 2008. The Institute's initial funding was provided through grants from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the Department of Education. This year, after depletion of grant funding, MOX Services adopted the program, providing funds for the 2010 Summer Nuclear Science Institute.

"SC State University is appreciative of all of the support provided by MOX Services," stated Dr. Kenneth D. Lewis, dean of the College of Science, Mathematics, Engineering and Technology. "The University's partnership with the consortium initially began with the introduction of the MOX Scholars Program in 2008. This program gives outstanding SC State University students in engineering, science and computer science the opportunity to receive full tuition scholarship support for up to two years, summer employment at the MOX facility and permanent job placement upon graduation from the University," noted Dr. Lewis. "We were overjoyed upon learning of MOX

Services' decision to assist in sustaining the Summer Nuclear Science Institute," he added.

During the check presentation ceremony, SC State University Alumnus and Sixth District Congressman, James E. Clyburn, expressed his support for the Summer Nuclear Science Institute. "Nuclear power is necessary to meet the critical need of securing the nation's energy independence and economic security," said Clyburn. "There is a tremendous shortage of African American students in the science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) programs. We are trying to do everything we can to ensure that students on this campus and other campuses like it around the country are equipped to become a part of what we know will be the mainstream of nuclear energy going forward. We want to have more students in nuclear and energy issues because we know that's what the future is going to be."

Shaw/AREVA MOX Services was impressed with the existing program, and as a result, they made the decision to adopt and fund the Summer Nuclear Science Institute. David Stinson, president and COO of Shaw/AREVA MOX Services, LLC shared his views on the importance of helping students succeed in areas of nuclear science and engineering. "When we started the MOX Scholars program, we were looking to make a mark in our community. We saw this as an opportunity to really get young people engaged in nuclear power," stated Stinson. "We think it's equally important to engage the minds of high school students in the area of nuclear science and bring them along as leaders of tomorrow, which is the result of our supporting the Summer Nuclear Science Institute."

President George E. Cooper agrees. "I am exuberant about this generous donation from Shaw/AREVA MOX Services," stated Cooper. "Nuclear engineering is one of the strongest academic programs at our University, and contributions from corporations such as Shaw/AREVA MOX Services, ensures that these programs continue and that we provide a wealth of information to our aspiring engineers."

The MOX Services' gift donated to the University to fund the summer institute will bring high school students and guidance counselors from South Carolina and other states in the southeast region to the campus of SC State University beginning in June 2010.

During the week-long institute, participants will reside on campus and will engage in an intensive series of lectures and hands-on laboratory activities in the areas of nuclear science, engineering, health and medical physics and radiochemistry. Participants will also conduct individual presentations and attend field trips to various nuclear-related sites.

For more information on SC State University's Summer Nuclear Science Institute or to apply, contact April Hutton-Moorer, director, at (803) 516-4923, or via email at [ahutton@scsu.edu](mailto:ahutton@scsu.edu).

## CONSTRUCTION DYNAMICS, INC. DONATES \$25,000 TO SC STATE UNIVERSITY

by Tameka Kenan

Nathaniel Spells, Sr., president and CEO of Construction Dynamics, Inc. (CDI), recently presented SC State University's President, Dr. George E. Cooper, with a \$25,000 check. This gift will be used for need based student scholarships at the institution.

Occurring during the onset of the University's 2010 Scholarship Gala and Tribute, this generous contribution is significant for students who have achieved excellence and who were deemed as "shining stars" during the event on Saturday, Feb. 20, 2010 in the Smith-Hammond-Middleton Memorial Center.

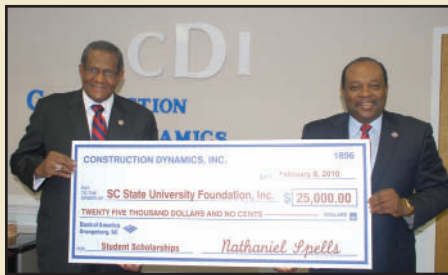
"We are excited about receiving this \$25,000 contribution from Mr. Spells and CDI," says Cooper. "It is businesses such as CDI that understand our mission and the needs of our students who make a difference, especially in these tough economic times. In this volatile market, the University needs support from reliable stakeholders such as CDI who will ensure that students receive the necessary funding to continue their education."

CDI, a full-service comprehensive general contracting and construction management firm based in Columbia, SC, has continuously provided philanthropic services. "I firmly believe that if the underserved communities and institutions are to achieve their full potential, it begins within," says Spells. "I also believe that one of the great equalizers in this nation is a quality education. Toward that end, CDI was pleased to contribute to the Scholarship Gala."

Anthony Holloman, vice-president for Institutional Advancement at SC State University, agrees. "By providing money for student scholarships, CDI is a tremendous advocate in attracting the best and the brightest students to SC State University who may one day lend support to their corporation," says Holloman. "We would like to thank CDI for providing the money necessary for students to further their education and for giving these students an incentive to continue to strive for the best."

In less than one month, CDI is the second company to support students at SC State University. On Feb. 1, 2010, Progress Energy also pledged a gift of \$25,000 for nuclear engineering majors.

"We hope that this fervent energy will continue," says Holloman. "Eighty percent of our money comes from 20 percent of the people, and we hope to increase the latter number."



CDI's Nathaniel Spells, Sr. presents check to President Cooper.

## PROGRESS ENERGY GIVES \$25,000 TO SC STATE UNIVERSITY

by Tameka Kenan

South Carolina State University has announced that it is the recipient of a gift of \$25,000 from Progress Energy that will support nuclear engineering majors. The check was presented to President George E. Cooper



Melody Birmingham-Byrd presents check to President Cooper.

by the vice-president of Progress Energy's southern region, Melody Birmingham-Byrd.

"Progress Energy is a strong supporter of education," said Birmingham-Byrd. "Nuclear energy is an important part of our shared future, and we are proud to partner with SC State to encourage the next generation of nuclear engineers."

This encouragement will be in the form of scholarships for students who aspire to become an integral part of our nation's search for efficient and sustained energy sources, and according to President Cooper, this gift will allow SC State to continue preparing students to thrive in a global society.

"With the staunch support of philanthropic organizations such as Progress Energy, SC State will continue to remain at the helm of programs such as nuclear engineering," stated Cooper. "We want to ensure that our students

are afforded the opportunity to become scientists/engineers equipped to meet the increasing global demand for nuclear energy, and thanks to Progress Energy, there are aspiring engineers who will now receive the necessary funding to pursue a career in the field."

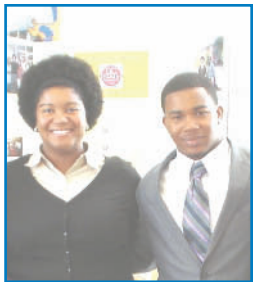
Anthony Holloman, vice president for Institutional Advancement, is equally ecstatic about this generous contribution. "Despite a faltering economy, organizations like Progress Energy continue to show their support. With the only accredited nuclear engineering program in South Carolina, Progress Energy has now given students a chance to excel at a University that has garnered credibility within the state and throughout the nation," stated Holloman. "These funds will continue to aid us in recruiting and retaining talented students ready to combat relevant problems regarding nuclear energy."



# SC State University Student Awarded Summer Internship With the Early Autism Project

by Antia Dawkins

Through the assistance of SC State University’s Wellness Action Team Counseling Helpers Daily on Guard (W.A.T.C.H.D.O.G.) Peer Mentoring Program, SC State student, John A. Edwards was recently awarded a summer internship with the Early Autism Project.



(l to r) Dr. Cherilyn Taylor with summer internship recipient John A. Edwards

Upon completion of an intense training regimen this spring, Edwards will serve as an applied behavioral analysis intern this summer in Sumter, S.C.

Edwards has served as a W.A.T.C.H.D.O.G. peer mentor for over a year, assisting with numerous campus and community outreach initiatives such as domestic violence awareness, spring break safety awareness and many others. Edwards joined the program because he plans to pursue a career as a child psychologist.

“I feel great about receiving the Applied Behavioral Analysis therapist position,” said John A. Edwards, junior psychology major and internship recipient. “I see this as a tremendous opportunity for pursuing a career in clinical psychology,” he continued.

Dr. Taylor, who is a licensed clinical psychologist and the director of the Counseling and Self-Development Center here at SC State University, applauded Edwards’ initiative and noted that the same opportunities are available for other students interested in gaining early training and exposure in their chosen academic disciplines.

Conceived in 2008 by Dr. Cherilyn Taylor, the W.A.T.C.H.D.O.G. Peer Mentoring Program, a component of the University’s Counseling and Self-Development Center, provides eligible students with early career training and networking opportunities in the social and behavioral sciences.

“The program exists to provide academically inclined students with a wide variety of educational and networking experiences in an effort to nurture student leadership development,” said Taylor.

The SC State University Counseling and Self-Development Center’s W.A.T.C.H.D.O.G. Peer Mentoring Program also provides undergraduate students with campus and community training opportunities in the mental health education and health science disciplines. Other program initiatives involve leadership development, student preparation for graduate and professional school and mentoring experiences.

The W.A.T.C.H.D.O.G. Peer Mentoring Program consists of sophomores, juniors and seniors with a 2.5 GPA or above. The group meets monthly to plan campus and community outreach events, leadership development initiatives and peer mentoring activities. Applications are available at SC State University’s Counseling and Self-Development Center.

For additional information about the W.A.T.C.H.D.O.G. Peer Mentoring Program, contact Dr. Cherilyn Taylor at (803) 536-7245.

# WHERE LEADERS ARE BORN

## SC State University Students Selected for the Minority Leadership Program

by Tameka Kenan

Shemariah Farmer never anticipated attending South Carolina State University. After growing up in Augusta, Ga., she applied and was accepted to Georgia State University. Ironically, Farmer is now a senior, expecting a degree in December from the Speech Pathology & Audiology Program here at SC State.

So, how did Farmer establish life with this University in perpetuity? “My mom passed away when I was 17,” says Farmer. “My uncle in Columbia, S.C. became my legal guardian. My mom attended SC State, so I finally decided to apply just to see if I could get accepted.”

Not only did Farmer get accepted to the University, but she became one of five undergraduate students nationally chosen for the Minority Leadership Program recently held in New Orleans, La.

Farmer, along with recent SC State graduate Courtney Steele, were ecstatic when they discovered that they had received this prestigious honor. “It was quite an experience,” says Steele. “This was my first time at the National Convention, so seeing all of these speech pathologists and audiologists was great. We were treated special and even got a few job offers,” noted Steele. For Steele, however, the worst part was getting to the convention. “I had never flown before,” she says, “so that part had its ups and downs.”

Opening up students like Farmer and Steele to new life experiences is what the Minority Leadership Program, a component of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Convention (ASHA), is all about. Sharon Jenkins, SPA program advisor, as well as an instructor for the program at SC State, says “there will be hundreds of students who do the very same thing as our students and our students have a chance to meet them. Our students then begin to understand that life is bigger than Orangeburg County.”

During the Minority Leadership Program, students engage in activities that build and enhance leadership skills, learn how ASHA works, gain more knowledge about the profession, and have the opportunity to interact with leaders in audiology, speech-language pathology and speech, language and hearing sciences.

“Students get to see the expansion of what we do from the academic, social and recognition perspective,” says Dr. Gwendolyn Wilson, chair for the Department of Health Sciences and coordinator of the Speech Pathology and Audiology Program at SC State, as well as a former vice president of Audiology Practice for the 130,000 members of ASHA. “It’s quite an honor for them to meet people who have written their textbooks. The board members meet them and talk to them about leadership as well,” notes Wilson.

A fast-paced program that engages individuals from various universities from all over the U.S., the Minority Leadership Program evolved as a direct result of ASHA’s intent to build the interest of minority groups, including American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian, African-American, Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islanders. “There’s a shortage of these groups at the master’s and doctorate level, so we are giving them an appetite for further study,” says Wilson.



(l to r) Shemariah Farmer, 2009 ASHA President Sue T. Hale and Courtney Steele

Although they are not yet enrolled in a master’s program, Steele and Farmer have plans to attend graduate school, which spurred their interest in the Minority Leadership Program. As their advisor, Jenkins said she has always spoken to both students on the significance of furthering their education in this major. “During academic advising, we’ve talked about things they needed to do to be successful in this field,” says Jenkins. “They have always indicated that they wanted to attend graduate school. I’ve never heard them complain, and all of our students have a heavy workload.”

Part of that heavy workload, is an assignment to write about leadership in speech pathology and audiology, which ultimately determines the participants for the Minority Leadership Program. Students must write an essay on leadership, and they are limited to 500 words. The essays are graded by Jenkins and they are given blindly to the faculty to review and make their selections. “The best essays are chosen and sent to the national office where the final decision is made based on the input they have received from their core of readers, as well as how well the students have written on the specified topic,” says Jenkins. This year, Farmer and Steele were chosen among thirty students selected nationally.

“We’re very proud of our two undergraduate students,” says Jenkins. “It’s a wonderful opportunity for them to be able to sit down with the individuals who sponsor this program. They get the training on how to be a leader and how to develop their leadership skills.” Dr. Wilson concurs, stating, “this is a profession that is continuously evolving, and we plant the seed here at SC State University.”

For more information about the Minority Leadership Program, contact the Speech Pathology & Audiology Program at (803) 536-8073.

# Annual Career Expo Brings over 1,000 Participants to SC State University

by Ashley Elliott

SC State University, Claflin University and OC Tech recently collaborated to present the 13th Annual Community Higher Education Council Career Expo (CHEC).

This year’s career expo, which was held on the campus of SC State University, attracted more than 1,000 participants to include alumni, students and community members. Corporations such as Geico, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, SC Bank & Trust, Zeus and Richland School District II, informed participants of various co-ops, internships and career opportunities they could be afforded.

SC State University senior and business management major, Ashley Rakes, found this year’s expo to be an enlightening experience as she prepares for her career upon graduation. The Hampton, S.C. native noted how the career fairs and SC State University’s business program worked collectively to equip her for the world of work.

“The career expo gives a positive outlook on what corporations desire as they look to fulfill their goals and objectives,” stated Rakes. “I have been afforded plenty of opportunities that will allow me to excel in whatever career choice I make,” she expressed.

Making note of the employment rates in Orangeburg County (18 percent), the state of South Carolina (12 percent) and the United States (10 percent), Joseph Thomas, interim director of SC State University’s Career Center, says the CHEC Career Expo is a necessity.

“We are elated to have so many employers here to provide opportunities to individuals despite the economic downturn. It shows that they are not only committed to their workforce, but also in giving opportunities to our alumni, students and those within the community,” stated Thomas.

As a result of previous career expos, SC State student Edward Starks obtained a summer internship with Oregon’s Department of Transportation in Salem, Ore. Starks received his bachelor’s degree in industrial engineering at SC State University, and is currently pursuing his master’s degree in transportation engineering. During this year’s career expo, Starks served as a representative for Oregon Department of Transportation, looking to provide other students with the same opportunities he was afforded.

SC State Alumnus Marcus Dawkins, ’05, shares a similar experience, having been a student at SC State and now serving as an employer representative for the fourth time at a career expo. As assistant manager of retail sales for Verizon Wireless, Dawkins said he’s most excited about the presence of enthused students.

“I like the attendance of students and how they’ve come prepared, properly dressed, in the right state of mind and having multiple copies of their resumes. Those are the things that excite me the most as alumni,” said Dawkins.



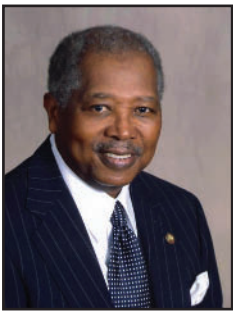
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## SC State University's I.P. Stanback Museum and Planetarium Honors Dr. Leo Twiggs

by Ellen Zisholtz and Ingrid Owens

The I.P. Stanback Museum and Planetarium (The Stanback) honors Dr. Leo Twiggs, The Stanback's first director. The Stanback also dedicates its current exhibition, "Twentieth Century Masters from the Cochran Collection," to Twiggs for his contributions to The Stanback. A photograph of Twiggs is displayed in The Stanback lobby with those of Isreal P. Stanback, a prominent businessman and philanthropist from Columbia, S.C. who served as the first African-American chairman of SC State's Board of Trustees, and Dr. Clemmie E. Webber, the visionary for the creation of the planetarium.



Dr. Leo Twiggs

As a Twentieth Century Master, Twiggs' work is included in this exhibition which showcases works on paper by internationally renowned artists, including Jacob Lawrence, Andy Warhol, Pablo Picasso, Romare Bearden, Marc Chagall, Salvador Dali, James Rosenquist, Alexander Calder, Elizabeth Catlett, Jim Dine, Jasper Johns, Joan Miro, Willem De Kooning, George Segal, Helen Frankenthaler, Louise Nevelson, Robert Rauchenberg, Camille Billops, John Biggers, Mildred Thompson and many others, as well as selected works by William Johnson, Hale Woodruff and Freddie Styles from The Stanback's collection.

While at SC State University, Twiggs developed The Stanback Museum and established the University's first Art Department. In 1988, *Ebony* magazine featured the museum in an article entitled "South Carolina State University's Hidden Treasure." Twiggs designed the official Seal of the University, the logo for the 1996 Centennial Celebration. He was also the director of the Museum and chair of the Art Department until he retired in 1998.

Twiggs was the first visual artist to receive the Verner Award (Governor's Trophy) for outstanding contributions to the arts in South Carolina, and received the National Art Education Association Southeastern Regional Award in 1981. In 1994, he was selected to appear in the WIS-TV Bell South Calendar. Twiggs was also inducted into the SC Black Hall of Fame in

1998 and the National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame in 2003.

Born in St Stephen, S.C., Twiggs received his BA, Summa Cum Laude, from Claflin University, and later studied at the Arts Institute of Chicago. He earned his MA at New York University where he studied with the famed African-American painter and muralist Hale Woodruff whose work is included in this exhibition. Twiggs was the first African-American to receive a doctorate in art education from the University of Georgia.

As a teacher at Lincoln High School in Sumter, S.C., Twiggs' students won over 125 regional and national awards. One student became the first senior high school student from SC to win a National Scholastic Art Award. Twiggs was also selected as a juror for the national competition in New York.



Dr. Twiggs generously donated two of his extraordinary batik paintings to the I.P. Stanback Museum and Planetarium as part of the permanent collections.

They were the designs and inspiration for the covers of two South Carolina State College Humanities texts: *Humanities: Lifestyles and Human Values*, which were published by SC State in 1976.

Early in his career, Twiggs began experimenting with the ancient process of batik as a painting medium. After years of experiments, his batik paintings won international recognition and numerous awards. Several paintings were selected to hang in American Embassies in Rome, Togoland, Decca and

Sierra Leone, among other places. He has had over 75 one man shows.

In 2001, Twiggs was selected to design an ornament for the White House Christmas tree. The ornament was a sculptural replica of the dilapidated house where Benjamin Mays was born. More recently, Twiggs designed an ornament for the 2008 White House Christmas tree. Twiggs received the Medal of Honor in the Arts from Winthrop University in 2004 and the Leadership Award from the Governor's School Foundation in 2007.

The Georgia Museum of Art organized a Retrospective of his work that toured the Southeast from January 2004 to April 2006. It was on display at the Gibbs Museum for Spoleto, the Greenville Museum, the Delta Fine Arts Center in Winston Salem, NC and the State Museum in Columbia, SC.

Twiggs is a member of the SC Arts Alliance, the ABC Steering Committee, vice chair of the Board of the Governor's School of the Arts, chair of the Board of the SC Hall of Fame and a board member of the Orangeburg County Fine Arts Center. Presently, he is a distinguished artist in Residence at Claflin University, professor emeritus at SC State, and is a member of the Stanback Advisory Board. He is married to the former Rosa Johnson of Sumter and they have three sons.

### Also at the I.P. Stanback Museum & Planetarium

The exhibition, "Remembering the Rosenwald Schools" features images, documents and artifacts from former Rosenwald students, teachers and schools in S.C. A featured part of this exhibition is a lecture on the Rosenwald school in S.C. by Retired Bishop Frederick C. James, Dr. O'Neal Smalls, Dr. Barbara Jenkins and Ulysses S. Jarvis, taking place on April 28, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.



## Alumni Honors and Awards Banquet Saturday, May 8, 2010 Smith-Hammond-Middleton Memorial Center

For more information, contact Adrienne Clinton at (803) 516-4546

## Jeffries Named Head Coach Emeritus at SC State University

by Bill Hamilton

Former South Carolina State University football coach Willie Jeffries, who attained legendary status at his alma mater before retiring nine years ago, has been named head football coach emeritus at the University where he won more football games than any other coach.

A recommendation from SC State University athletics director Charlene Johnson and President George Cooper to elevate Jeffries to "emeritus" status was approved by the University's Board of Trustees at its February 26, 2010 meeting.

Not only will Jeffries wear a new title, the former Bulldog coach will also serve as a liaison between the University, its alumni and other constituents, and also help market the University.

"Coach Jeffries and his wide appeal to so many of our stakeholders and other constituents provide us a great opportunity to brand and market the University," Dr. Cooper said. "He can help us frame relationships that will increase support for athletics."

"Coach Jeffries is truly admired by so many, not just for his achievements in athletics, but also for his humanitarian contributions to this community, this state and society," said Johnson. "He has used football and his great personal skills to bring about better community relations in Orangeburg, the Palmetto State and beyond, and I think it's very fitting that the University has bestowed this honor upon him."

Jeffries expressed his pleasure at being recognized in such a way by his alma mater, and said he accepts the honor with humility and is anxious to do his part to elevate athletics and the University.

"It's a great honor," Jeffries said. "I accept this honor and role with great humility, not just for myself but for all the young men I've coached. I'm ready and willing to do all I can to increase support for the school, especially athletics. I thank the Board of Trustees, President Cooper, Mrs. Johnson, the Athletics Department, and all who had a hand in granting me this great honor."

During a 19-year coaching career at SC State University, which included two tenures- 1973-1978 and 1989-2001 – Jeffries achieved unparalleled success, winning more football games than any other coach in school history. He compiled an enviable record of 128-77-4 during his two stints as Bulldog head coach.

The Union, S.C. native and 1960 alumnus also owns more MEAC victories than any other coach in the long history of the league. During his remarkable 29-year collegiate head-coaching career – which included five-year stints at both Wichita State and Howard -- he compiled a 179-132-6

record, a winning percentage of over sixty percent.

In addition to his sparkling won-loss record at the University, the SC State alumnus guided his teams to six Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference championships, two national titles and eight post-season appearances. He has also reaped a number of coaching and civic honors.

Jeffries has coached hundreds of young men – including numerous who have gone on to distinguish themselves in professional sports and other professions as well. He mentored many and served as a father figure for others.

Jeffries' name has been synonymous with SC State University football over the years. He is a true "favorite son." It all started in 1956 when he enrolled as a student at the then-SC State College. The relation was a fit from the start and continues to endure today.



Willie Jeffries,  
Head Football Coach  
Emeritus

## SC STATE FOOTBALL TEAM HONORED AT STATEHOUSE WITH RESOLUTION

The 2009 South Carolina State football team was honored for outstanding accomplishments with a Concurrent Resolution during a special ceremony at the Statehouse in Columbia. The resolution was introduced by Rep. Jerry N. Govan Jr. (D-Orangeburg) of House District 95 and an SC State alumnus.

Joining the Bulldog football team, head coach Buddy Pough and the coaching staff at the ceremony, were SC State president Dr. George E. Cooper, athletics director Charlene M. Johnson, and several other University officials and alumni.

The resolution recognized the team for a banner season, which included a 10-2 overall record, a perfect 8-0 Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference worksheet, a second straight league title, and back-to-back appearances in the prestigious Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) playoffs.

The Bulldogs also were ranked seventh nationally in all three final FCS polls – The Sports Network, FCS Coaches and Any Given Saturday – and finished number one in all three polls that rank HBCU teams. The Bulldogs were also declared national champions by the Sheridan Broadcasting Network, BASN/Box-to-Row.com, Heritage Sports Radio Network, the Washington Pigskin Club and the 100 Percent Wrong Club of Atlanta.

Also, Coach Pough and a number of SC State players received several individual postseason accolades. Eleven Bulldogs made the All-MEAC team, five were named All-State by The State Newspaper, seven made the All-State team as selected by The Orangeburg Touchdown Club, and five earned SBN All-America honors.